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TITLE: **"ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR GENERATING A SECURITY IMPRINT"**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

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Reference AA - United States Patent No. 4,831,555

Reference AB - United States Patent No. 4,725,718

Reference AL - European Application 0 647 925

Reference AM - European Application 0 862 143

Reference AR - "Die Suche nach dem Schlüssel," Schöngleber, mc extra, April 1995, pages 30-33.

Reference AS - Qnf jne rvasnpu, tryy?," Luckhardt, c't 1996, Vol. 12, pages 110-113.



### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AM was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference.

The remaining references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. For the English language references, no further commentary is necessary concerning their teachings. Translations of the German articles are not readily available to the Applicants, however, these references provide general background information regarding cryptography, particularly the use of a symmetrical keys.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the present application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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